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*The House will meet at 10:00 a.m. for Legislative Business.*

*Anticipated Floor Action:*

**H.Con.Res. \_\_\_\_—Permitting the Use of the Rotunda of the Capitol**  
**H.Con.Res. \_\_\_\_—A Sense of Congress Expressing Sympathy for the**  
**Victims of the Recent Earthquake in India**



**Bills to Be Considered Under Suspension of the Rules:**

**Floor Situation:** The House is scheduled to consider two resolutions under suspension of the rules. Each resolution is debatable for 40 minutes, may not be amended, and requires a two-thirds majority vote for passage.

**H.Con.Res. \_\_\_\_** authorizes the use of the Capitol Rotunda for a ceremony that is part of the Days of Remembrance Commemoration to honor victims of the Holocaust. The physical preparations for the ceremony must be carried out in accordance with the plans of the Architect of the Capitol. The resolution is due to be introduced prior to consideration and will not be considered by a House committee.

**H. Con. Res. \_\_\_\_** expresses the sense that Congress has the deepest sympathies to the citizens of the state of Gujarat and to all of India for the tragic losses suffered as a result of the earthquake on January 26, 2001. Congress also expresses its support for the people of India as they continue their efforts to rebuild their cities and their lives.

In addition, this measure provides for continuing and substantially increasing the amount of disaster assistance being provided by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and other relief agencies along with providing future economic assistance in order to help rebuild Gujarat. Moreover, the resolution supports the economic assistance efforts of the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank, and the international community.

Finally, the measure urges the President to use United States influence with these bodies to

expedite these efforts along with recognizing and encouraging the important assistance that could be provided by other nations to alleviate the suffering of the people of India. This measure was introduced by Mr. Royce and Mr. McDermott on January 30, 2001, and was not considered by a committee.



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